



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

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SUBJECT: APTOS/VALENCIA CREEK, CARBONERA CREEK, LOMPICO CREEK,  
SAN LORENZO RIVER/ESTUARY, AND SOQUEL LAGOON  
PATHOGEN TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDLs)- POSTPONING  
REGIONAL BOARD PRESENTATION UNTIL FEBRUARY 2008

Water Board Staff have postponed presentation of these TMDLs to the Central Coast Water Board until February 2008. This will allow Water Board staff to further investigate some sources and reevaluate implementation strategies. Staff is developing new strategies not previously used to implement any of our TMDLs. The recommended strategies will be consistent with the State Water Resources Control Board's *Policy for Implementation and Enforcement of the Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program*. Because there are multiple sources that need to reduce pathogen loading, the Water Board will adopt Basin Plan amendments. Staff needs additional time to process these TMDLs as Basin Plan amendments.

Water Board staff will complete a Final Project Report (Report) for Aptos/Valencia Creek, Carbonera Creek, Lompico Creek, San Lorenzo River/Estuary, and Soquel Lagoon Pathogen TMDL in October 2007. (For Aptos/Valencia Creeks and Soquel Lagoon TMDLs, staff will revise the Final Reports.) The Reports include an analysis of pathogen sources and pathogen indicator concentrations in the project areas. Staff concludes several sources may contribute to the exceedances of water quality objectives related to pathogens. The Reports provide Implementation Plans to attain water quality objectives.

Water Board staff prefers to hold the public hearing for these projects at a northern region location. The next opportunity for a northern public hearing, and when the project reports will be completed, is February 2008.

Water Board staff will utilize all water quality data **received by October 20, 2006** for the Data Analysis section of the Final Project Report. If you have more recent water quality

data, please only submit it to Water Board staff if the data will change findings and conclusions in our Reports.

Current and future status of these TMDLs are posted on the Water Board website at:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/TMDL/303andTMDLprojects.htm>

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